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## President's Message



*AGA fosters learning, certification, leadership and collaboration for professionals and stakeholders, committed to advancing government accountability.*

### New Members

Rachel Rumbelow  
Erickson, Krentel and  
Laporte, LLP

Mr. Frank Oliveri  
City of Mandeville

Nadine Bizimana  
Xavier University

Kendal Turner  
New Beginnings Schools

AGA operates under a national-chapter partnership with its 100 chapters located throughout the U.S., Guam, Japan, Puerto Rico and Saipan. AGA is governed by a National Board of Directors (NBD), which includes regional leaders and chapter presidents. AGA's 16-member National Executive Committee (NEC) acts for the NBD, meeting quarterly to discuss strategic issues. The day-to-day operation of the Association is handled by the National Office, headquartered in Alexandria, VA, with 28 employees reporting to an executive director who reports to the AGA National President. More than 800 volunteer members serve the Association through committees, boards, and chapters.

Hello Fellow AGA Members! Thanks again to everyone who attended our September meeting at Bubba Gump's! Jason Villere's presentation on "Banking Issues and Solutions" was superb and we had a wonderfully delicious meal!

Can you feel it? The fall season is finally here and with it, some of the nicest weather we have seen in a while! While October's temperature is cooler, this month will actually be will one hottest this program year as we have many exciting events planned for you!

**EDUCATIONAL EVENTS** Like a good sale? Well do not miss the valuable CPE your chapter offers at rock bottom prices!

**AGA Audio Conference** This month the chapter is providing an AGA Audio Conference to interested members and guests. The audio conference is next Wednesday, October 17, 2012, on Improving Internal Controls and offers 2 hours CPE, costs only \$30 for members and \$50 for guests. The audio conference will be held in the National Financial Center (NFC) NASA Auditorium. Contact Patrick Nedd, MBA, Education Chair ([patrick\\_nedd@msn.com](mailto:patrick_nedd@msn.com)) at (504) 293-4702 to register.

**Dinner Meeting** Next Thursday, October 18, 2012, we are having a joint dinner meeting with the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood Company, 4141 Saint Charles Avenue. Our speaker is Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Director of Aviation at Louis Armstrong Airport and the program includes 1 hour of CPE. The cost is \$26 for members and \$28 for guests. Please RSVP Faye Martin, CGFM, Treasurer ([fmartin@lla.la.gov](mailto:fmartin@lla.la.gov)) or me ([aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com](mailto:aga.neworleans.president@gmail.com)) by Tuesday, October 16, 2012, if you are attending.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES EVENTS** This month we are also offering several community service events! These events provide many opportunities for you serve your community by giving your time and resources for great causes.

**Food Drive** We are currently having a food drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank. The drive ends next week on October 19th so be sure to bring your donations to Amanda Green (UNO), Gary Millet (NFC), and Griselda Taylor (NFC).

**New Orleans Race for the Cure (Breast Cancer Walk/Run)** Join our Team AGA NOLA as we participate in the 16th Annual Komen New Orleans Race for the Cure on Saturday October 20, 2012. The cost is \$25 – Adults, \$15 – Teens (13-17 years), \$12 – Kids 12 and under, and \$35 – Sleep In for the Cure. We are also fundraising for the cure and our Team goal is \$500 dollars. \$210 dollars have been raised so far so be sure to donate even if you are not participating in the race. Donations of any denomination are welcome. Register or Donate online at <http://www.komenneworleans.org/>

Seventy-Five percent (75%) of the net proceeds raised by the Komen New Orleans Affiliate are used to fund community programs in southeast Louisiana that provide screenings, treatment, education, social, and financial support for women before, during, and after treatment. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds you raise go to Komen's Research Grant Program, which invests in studies seeking the causes, improved treatments, and ultimately the cures for breast cancer.

**WYES New Orleans** Your favorite public television station is looking for volunteers to assist the auction staff at several auctions taking place this fall. Some of the volunteer positions include Telephone Bid Takers, Auctioneer's Assistants, Luggers & Tuggers, Board Markers, Bid Passers, Filing and Storage.

Available shifts: **SHOWBOAT GENERAL MERCHANDISE** Friday, October 12, 9 – 12 midnight; Saturday, October 13, 12 – 3 PM, 3 – 6 PM, 6 – 10 PM. **TRAVEL NIGHT** Wednesday, October 17, 6 – 10 PM. **DINING & ENTERTAINMENT** Thursday, October 18, 9 – 12 midnight; Friday, October 19, 9 – 12 midnight. **WINE NIGHT** Thursday, November 1, 9 – 12 midnight. To sign up please contact Amanda Green, CGFM, Community Services Chair (504) 280-7333.

Can't make this month's events? Don't fret! This program year is just getting underway and we have more in store for you! Be sure to check out the meetings/seminar schedule, audio conference listing and community services plan included in this newsletter and contact us if you see something you like! Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any problems, questions, comments or special requests!

See you at next week at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood! *Knica*

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 18, 2012.

**Speaker:** Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad

Director of Aviation, Louis Armstrong Airport

**Topic:** TBA

Please RSVP ([klloyd@lla.la.gov](mailto:klloyd@lla.la.gov)), Faye Martin ([fmartin@lla.la.gov](mailto:fmartin@lla.la.gov)) **Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

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**Event Date:** October 18, 2012 (Thursday)

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Networking with Cash Bar  
6:00 PM Dinner Meeting

**Location:** New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Company  
4141 St. Charles Avenue  
New Orleans, LA 70115

**Menu:**

Gumbo

Thin Fired Catfish

Baked Mac'n Cheese

Veggie of the Day

Dessert – Bananas Foster Bread Pudding

Soda, Ice Tea

**AGA/NABA Member Cost: \$26/Non-Member Cost: \$28**



# October Speaker



## **Iftikhar Ahmad: Bio**

Iftikhar Ahmad is the Executive Officer of the New Orleans Aviation Board and serves as the Director of Aviation for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. New Orleans International Airport is responsible for 12,000 direct and indirect jobs with a \$2.6 Billion annual economic impact in Southeast Louisiana. The Airport's total annual revenues are around \$107 Million.

This is his fourth airport after Dayton, Nashville, and Houston Airports Systems. Prior to taking the helm at New Orleans International, Ahmad was the Director of Aviation for the City of Dayton, Ohio which served approximately three million passengers annually.

Previously, Ahmad served as the Vice President of the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority overseeing a three quarter of a billion capital program. The Airport Authority is responsible for a facilitating more than nine million passengers traveling through Nashville International annually.

Ahmad also worked previously with Houston Airport System, serving in a variety of capacities. The Houston Airport, one of North America's largest public airport systems, serves approximately 42 million passengers a year. As Chief of Capital Improvement Programming at the Houston Airport, Ahmad coordinated a \$3 Billion Dollar capital program.

Ahmad developed important skills and handled critical job functions during the past decade and a half in aviation field. He has managed day-to-day operations of major airport facilities and developed successful business strategies for airports.

Ahmad has a Masters of Civil Engineering and a Bachelors of Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University. He also possesses Professional Engineer's (PE) license in Texas. He is married and has two sons.

# AGA New Orleans Chapter Meetings

## 2010-2011

Date	Time	Location*	Speaker & CPE
September 20, 2012	5:30 P.M.	Bubba Gumps' Restaurant 429 Decatur Street New Orleans, LA	1 CPE
October 18, 2012	5:30 P.M.	New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood 4141 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with National Association of Black Accountants Speaker: Iftikhar Ahmad 1 CPE
November 15, 2012	Fall Mini- Seminar	National Finance Center 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	2013 Federal Budget Effects Speaker: TBD 2 CPE
December 7, 2012	7:00 P.M.	TBD	Christmas Extravaganza!!!
January 17, 2013	11:30 A.M.	National Finance Center Executive Dining Room 13800 Old Gentilly Road New Orleans, LA	Internal Revenue Service Representative – Tax Update 1 CPE
February 21, 2013	5:30 PM.	Zea's Rotisserie & Grill 1525 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA	Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
March 21, 2013	5:30 P.M.	Five Happiness Restaurant 3605 S. Carrollton Avenue New Orleans, LA	Joint Meeting with American Society of Women Accountants 1 CPE
April 18, 2013	5:30 P.M.	Middendorf's Restaurant 30160 Hwy. 51 Akers, LA	Joint Meeting with Baton Rouge Chapter Speaker: TBD 1 CPE
May 16, 2013	Spring Seminar	Mike's on the Avenue 628 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA	Spring Seminar
June 7, 2013	5:30 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium 6000 Airline Drive Metairie, LA	Baseball Game and Tailgate Party

**Association of Government Accountants  
Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM)  
Annual Plan for the New Orleans Chapter  
2012-2013**

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**GOAL 1 – Support Current CGFM's**

- ❑ Publish CGFM member's achievements in newsletter and local newspapers.
- ❑ Partner with other organizations and/or governmental entities to promote the CGFM designation.
- ❑ Recognize local CGFM's by using the CGFM designation in chapter publications, name tags, etc.
- ❑ Contribute items to chapter newsletter such as CGFM recognition, study suggestions, encouragement, and technical requirements.
- ❑ Publicize new CGFM's in chapter and local publications.

**GOAL 2 – Market CGFM Locally**

- ❑ Encourage employer policy change to recognize CGFM.
- ❑ Solicit endorsements of CGFM from area employers and elected officials.
- ❑ Coordinate with the Regional and National coordinators to assist in promoting the Chapters goal.
- ❑ Contact area government accountability leaders.
- ❑ Create an awareness of the value of CGFM to the general public.

**GOAL 3 – Assist Potential New CGFM's in Attaining Certification**

- ❑ Coordinate study groups.
  - ❑ Develop a mentoring program.
  - ❑ Develop other study options.
  - ❑ Develop a plan in the Chapter to offer CGFM courses.
  - ❑ Provide a CGFM Examination Scholarship.
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## RECOGNITION POINTS 2012-2013

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through
Chapter Leadership Planning and Participation	3,000	
Education & Professional Development	4,000	
Certification	4,000	
Communications	3,000	
Membership (Early Career and Student Members)	4,000	
Accountability	2,000	
Community Service	2,000	
Awards	1,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,000</b>	

**ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS  
NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2012**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

CASH	\$ (32.82)
SAVINGS	2,613.85
DEPOSITS	0.00
PREPAID SEMINAR	0.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	<u>1,330.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$3,911.03</u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 224.00
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**NET ASSETS**

MEMBERSHIP	\$ 460.32
HABITAT FOR HUNAMITY	-
HURRICAN RELIEF FUND	1,348.83
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	<u>\$1,877.88</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,911.03</u></b>

**TWELVE MONTHS ENDED**

**OPERATING REVENUES**

EDUCATION	\$ 0.00
MONTHLY MEETINGS	6,643.25
50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	107.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	687.80
SPONSORSHIP	0.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>19.52</u>

**TOTAL REVNEUES**

**\$7,457.57**

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

EDUCATION	1,120.00
MEETINGS	7,482.26
50/50 EDUCATION RAFFLE	27.00
POSTAGE/SUPPLIES/GIFTS	32.00
OFFICER EXPENSES	475.00
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	0.00
SCHOLARSHIP	500.00
DONATIONS	50.00
MISC	<u>0.00</u>

**TOTAL OPERATING  
EXPENSES**

**\$9,686.26**

OPERATINGINCOME(LOSS) (2,228.69)

NONOPERATING REV/(EXP) -

INCOME (LOSS)

BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS (2,228.69)

CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT 5.56

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS \$ (2,223.13)

NET ASSETS BEGINNING

OF PERIOD 4,101.01

**NET ASSETS AT END OF**

**PERIOD \$ 1,877.88**

**The New Orleans Chapter Association of Government Accountants  
Presents an Audio Conference**

**Topic:** Improving Internal Controls

**Date:** October 17, 2012

**Time:** 1pm - 2:50 pm

**Location:** NFC NASA Auditorium

**Cost:** \$30 members, \$50 nonmembers

**CPE:** 2 hours

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**Learning Objectives:** To understand key internal controls concepts and answer questions such as:

How extensive should testing over internal controls be?

When should the testing be conducted?

How much documentation do I need?

Can I simply assume that internal controls are ineffective and increase my substantive testing?

**\$30 – Members    \$50.00 Non-members**

Employees located at NFC, please submit authorized SF-182's or bring checks made payable to AGA.

Individuals not located at NFC, please submit authorized training form, SF-182's with accounting code or checks payable to AGA. Mail training documents or checks to:

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